

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claim 2, without prejudice as disclaimer and AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic apparatus having a display, comprising:
a photographic device acquiring image information of a user that operated the electronic apparatus;

a first memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing therein parameters which are set by a user authorized to access said electronic apparatus and representing conditions at which said image information is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said electronic apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said electronic apparatus is activated, when said electronic apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said electronic apparatus;

a second memory, provided within said electronic apparatus, storing image information acquired by said photographing device; and

a control unit reading out said parameters from said first memory when a user operates said electronic apparatus, directing acquisition of image information by said photographic device when one or more of said conditions represented by the read parameters are established, and storing, in said second memory, the acquired image information; and, wherein

an input unit for designating to display said image information stored in said second memory, by said authorized user, wherein said control unit causes the acquired image information to be read out from said second memory and then displayed on said display in accordance with the received input.

2. (CANCELLED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said control unit displays the acquired image information, read out from second memory, in accordance with an output direction.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said control unit directs a BIOS setup program to read out said parameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said control unit directs an operating system or an application program running on said electronic apparatus to set and alter said parameters in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS setup program.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said control unit directs said BIOS setup program to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein an image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related to said image information are recorded in said second memory.

8-11. (CANCELED)

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein an image information acquiring format and writing mode are selected, set and stored in said first memory.

13. (ORIGINAL) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium having a program recorded therein readable by a computer to execute:

reading out parameters from a first memory provided in an apparatus having said computer, the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said apparatus is turned

ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated, when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus;

determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions;

acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user that operated said apparatus, when said one or more of said conditions are established;

storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided within said apparatus; and

displaying said image information, read out from said second memory, on a display of said apparatus, when said authorized user designates said computer to display said stored information.

15. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14 having stored therein a program for controlling the output of said image information stored in said second memory in accordance with an output direction.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14 having stored therein a program for directing a BIOS setup program to read out said parameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing an operating system or an application program, running on said apparatus, to set and alter said parameters in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS setup program.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing said BIOS setup program to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

19. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for recording in said second memory a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related said image information.

20. (CANCELED)

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for selecting, setting and storing recording timing, a format and a writing mode, for each of the conditions.

22. (ORIGINAL) A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An image information control method, comprising reading out parameters from a first memory provided within an apparatus, the parameters being set by a user authorized to access said apparatus and representing conditions at which image information of a user that operated the apparatus is to be acquired, wherein said conditions include when a power supply for said apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in said apparatus is activated, when said apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus; determining the establishment of one or more of said conditions; acquiring image information from a photographing device which photographs a user of said apparatus, when said one or more of said conditions are established; storing the acquired image information in a second memory provided within said apparatus; reading out said image information from said second memory, when said authorized user designates the apparatus to display said stored information; and displaying said read out image information on a display of said apparatus.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a BIOS setup program is directed to read out said parameters in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein an operating system or an application program running on said apparatus is directed to set and alter said parameters in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS setup program.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said BIOS setup program is directed to output said image information stored in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data related to said image information are recorded in said second memory.

28. (CANCELED)

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a format and a writing mode, each representing conditions for obtaining image information, are selected, set and stored in said first memory.

30. (ORIGINAL) An image information control method as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a display;

an input unit; and

a controller

determining when conditions are established, the conditions including when a power supply for the apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in the apparatus is activated, when the apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in the apparatus,

acquiring an image of a user of the apparatus when it is determined that at least one of the conditions is established,

storing the acquired image inside the apparatus, and

displaying the stored image on the display, when a user authorized to access the apparatus designates the apparatus to display said stored image information, using said input unit.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus as in claim 31, wherein the apparatus is a personal computer system.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a display;

means for determining when conditions are established, the conditions including when a power supply for the apparatus is turned ON, when a BIOS setup program installed in the apparatus is activated, when the apparatus is resumed, and when an illegal password is entered in the apparatus;

means for acquiring an image of the user of the apparatus when it is determined that at least one of the conditions is established;

means for storing the acquired image inside the apparatus; and

means for displaying the stored image on the display, when a user authorized to access the apparatus designates the apparatus to display said stored image information, using said input unit.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the first and second memories are different types of memories.